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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM NEA SOBER

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: UN, SA

SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER'S TRAVEL

1. AMBASSADOR ALIREZA HAS INFORMED US PRINCE SAUD IS PLANNING TO ARRIVE NEW YORK BY SEPTEMBER 29 AND INTENDS TO BE THERE THROUGH THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 7, BEING INSCRIBED TO ADDRESS UNGA OCTOBER 5. ALIREZA HAS INDICATED FOREIGN MINISTER'S DESIRE TO CALL ON PRESIDENT AND THE LIKELIHOOD THAT HE WILL BE IN WASHINGTON IN ANY EVENT DURING ALL OR PART OF THE WEEK OCTOBER 10-14. ALIREZA INDICATED HIS INTEREST IN HAVING FONMIN MAKE BRIEF "SIDE TRIPS" FROM WASHINGTON, MENTIONING ATLANTA AND SAN FRANCISCO.

2. ACTING ON ABOVE WE ARE PROPOSING MEETING WITH PRESIDENT AND WORKING LUNCH HOSTED BY SECRETARY DURING WEEK OCTOBER 10-14, WITH OCTOBER 13 PRESENTLY BLOCKED OUT AS TENTATIVE DATE. ALIREZA IS AWARE OF THIS AND PRESUMABLY HAS NOW
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PROPOSED IT TO FONMIN.

3. SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE CALLS FOR HIM TO BE AT UNGA DURING PERIOD OF FONMIN'S ATTENDANCE. A NUMBER OF SPOTS IN SECRETARY'S TIGHT SCHEDULE THERE HAVE BEEN BLOCKED OUT FOR MEETINGS WITH MIDDLE EAST FONMINS. WE ARE OPERATING ON ASSUMPTION THAT ONE OF THOSE MEETINGS WILL BE WITH PRINCE

SAUD BUT AT THIS STAGE ARE NOT PINNING DOWN SPECIFIC TIME,
PREFERRING TO BE GUIDED BY FLOW OF DISCUSSIONS IN NEW YORK
AS TO MOST USEFUL TIME.

4. YOU MAY WISH IN YOUR SEPTEMBER 21 MEETING TO CONFIRM
FONMIN'S PLANS. PLEASE LET US KNOW YOUR OWN CONSULTATION
PLANS IN LIGHT OF FONMIN'S ARRIVING IN U.S. SOMEWHAT
EARLIER THAN PREVIOUSLY ANTICIPATED. VANCE

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